Water way Passenger Service between Sagar Island in West Bengal and Varanasi

5194. SHRI RADHIKA RANJAN PRAMANIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start waterway passenger service between Sagar Island (Kapil Muni Ashram) in West Bengal and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no such proposal with the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Madras High Court Bench at Tanjore

5195. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a bench of Madras High Court at Tanjore for speedy clearance of pending cases; and

(b) if so, the time by which this bench is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to set up a bench of Madras High Court at Tanjore. It is therefore not possible to indicate whether and when the Bench would be set up.

Awards to Banks for Better Recovery

5196. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give awards to those branches of public sector banks where recovery of loans is above ninety percent, as an incentive to improve the recovery of loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to give award to those branches of public sector banks where recovery of loans is above 90%, as an incentive to improve the recovery of loans. Timely sanction and disbursement of credit, effective supervision and prompt efforts for recovery of dues are normal and essential pre-requisites of the system of supervised credit management of banks. In their normal role, expected of banks functionaries, they are to make all out efforts in making the recovery management a success.

Export-Import and Trade Deficit

5197. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports, imports and

trade deficit during the years 1987-88 to 1990-91, year-wise;

(b) the names of countries with which India had an unfavourable balance of trade during the year 1990-91 and the amount in each case.

(c) the steps being taken to reduce trade deficit during the current financial year; and

(d) the estimated time schedule by which the deficit would be eliminated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) the value of exports, imports and trade deficit during the years 1987-88 to 1990-91 year-wise, are as under.

STATEMENT

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Sl. No.	Year	Export	Imports	Trade deficit
1	2	3	4	5
1.	1987-88	15674	22244	6570
2.	1988-89	20232	28235	8003
3.	1989-90 (P)	27681	35412	7731
4.	1990-91 (P)	32527	43171	10644

P: Provisional

Source: DGCI & S, Calcutta.

(b) A Statement is attached.

(c) Several changes in the trade policy were introduced aimed at strengthening export incentives, eliminating substantial volume of import licensing and optimal import compression. Essential imports of sensitive items such as POL and fertilizers were fully protected but other imports of raw materials and components were linked to export performance. REP licences have been replaced by a new instrument called Eximscrips. Eximscrips will be the means of obtaining access to certain categories of imports of raw materials, components and spares. The category of unlisted OGL has been abolished and these items are now importable only against Eximscrips. The system of Advance Licences as an instrument of export promotions has been strengthened.

(d) As a result of various initiatives taken by the Government, for import compression, the trade deficit has already registered a decline from Rs. 1876 crores in April-June, 1990 to Rs. 1502 crores in April-June, 1991. It is difficult to define the time by which trade deficit could be eliminated, as it depends on a number of global and domestic factors.

STATEMENT

(Value: Rs. Crores)

S. No.	*Name of the Country*	*Trade deficit during 1990—91*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Argentina	110
2.	Australia	1146
3.	Austria	23
4.	Baharain Islands	395
5.	Bahamas	1
6.	Belgium	1463
7.	Brazil	411
8.	Bulgaria	50
9.	Burundi	6
10.	Canada	278
11.	Chile	125

1	*2*	*3*
12.	Chinese Taipei	512
13.	Chinese People Rep.	23
14.	Colombia	38
15.	Cuba	8
16.	Czechoslovakia	123
17.	Dominican Republic	2
18.	France	540
19.	Germany Fed. Rep.	943
20.	Guinea	4
21.	Guinea Bissau	15
22.	Hungary	60
23.	Iran	977
24.	Iraq	452
25.	Israel	47
26.	Italy	93
27.	Ivory Coast	5
28.	Japan	220
29.	Jordan	287
30.	Korea Republic	321
31.	Kuwait	289
32.	Lesotho	5
33.	Liberia	5
34.	Libya	48

1	2	3
35.	Luxembourg	13
36.	Malaysia	731
37.	Mayanmar	150
38.	Mexico	165
39.	Mangolia	2
40.	Morocco	252
41.	Netherland	145
42.	Newzealand	79
43.	New Caledonia	8
44.	Norway	6
45.	Pakistan	11
46.	Papua New Guinea	3
47.	Peru	28
48.	Qatar	17
49.	Saudi Arabia	2479
50.	Senegal	112
51.	Singapore	751
52.	Sweden	191
53.	Switzerland	81
54.	Tanzania	8
55.	Togo	33
56.	Trinidad & Tobago	1
57.	Tunisia	61

1	*2*	*3*
58.	Turkey	82
59.	U.A.E.	1119
60.	U.K.	797
61.	U.S.A.	441
62.	Venezuela	51
63.	Vietnam Soc. Rep.	73
64.	Yemen Rep	36
65.	Yugoslavia	97
66.	Zaire Rep	102
67.	Zambia	114
68.	Zimbabwe	6

Violation of Handloom Control Order

5198. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been violations of the handloom control order;

(b) if so, the detaiis thereof;

(c) whether any penal action has been taken by the Govt. against deliquents who have violated the order during the last three years, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, there have been 131 instances of violation of the Handloom Reservation Orders by the Powerloom/Mill Operators. These cases were booked by the Enforcement Wing (Handloom) & F.I.R. was lodged in the concerned Police Station of the area.

No. of cases were booked by the Chief Enforcement office, Delhi. -28.

Regional Enforcement Office, Pune-50.

Regional Enforcement Office, Coimbatore - 53.

(c) and (d). No, Sir, The Handloom Reservation Act 1985 & the Orders issued thereunder are inoperative due to ex-parte stay granted by Hon'ble Supreme Court on 30.11.87.